

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
AND
PRIVACY ACTS**

SUBJECT: (COINTELPRO)

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MEMPHIS

100-449698-28



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-449698)

DATE: 6/29/70

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (100-4704) (P*)

SUBJECT: COINTELPRO - NEW LEFT;
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90-DAY PROGRESS LETTER

Re Memphis letter to Bureau, 3/31/70.

I. POTENTIAL COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTION

The Memphis Office is alert to any violation, local, state or Federal laws on the part of any individual members of New Left type activities occurring within the Memphis Division. Any information developed in this regard will immediately be furnished to interested agencies.

II. PENDING COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTION

There are no pending counterintelligence actions within the Memphis Division.

Any specific recommendations in this regard will be promptly submitted to the Bureau by separate communication.

III. TANGIBLE RESULTS

Not applicable.

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MEMPHIS DIVISION

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Will follow captioned matter and submit 90-day progress letter scheduled to reach the Bureau by 10/1/70.

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RESEARCH SECTION

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-449698)

DATE: 3/31/70

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (100-4704) (P*)

SUBJECT: COINTELPRO - NEW LEFT,
IS

90-DAY PROGRESS LETTER

Re Memphis letter to Bureau, 12/31/69.

I. POTENTIAL COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTION

The Memphis Office is alert to any violation, local, state or Federal on the part of any individual members of New Left type activities occurring within the Memphis Division. Any information developed in this regard will immediately be furnished to interested investigative agencies.

II. PENDING COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTION

There are no pending counterintelligence actions within the Memphis Division; however, the Memphis Division pointed out information pertaining to the now defunct Southern Students Organizing Committee (SSOC) being recommended to lose their status as an exempt organization under the purview of 501 (c) (3) and how this situation might be applied to other movement groups.

Any specific recommendation relative to counterintelligence actions will be promptly submitted to Bureau by separate communication.

III. TANGIBLE RESULTS

Not applicable.

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AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Will closely follow captioned matter and submit
90-day progress letter scheduled to reach the Bureau by
7/1/70.

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-449698)

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (100-4704) (P*)

SUBJECT: COINTELPRO - NEW LEFT
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DATE: 12/31/69

90-DAY PROGRESS LETTER

Re ME let Bureau, 11/24/69.

I. POTENTIAL COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTION

The Memphis Office is alert to any violation, local, state or federal on the part of any individual members of New Left type activities occurring within the Memphis Division. Any information developed in this regard will immediately be furnished to interested investigative agencies.

II. PENDING COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTION

There are no pending Counterintelligence Action within the Memphis Division; however, Memphis Division, by referenced Memphis letter to Bureau, 11/24/69, bearing dual caption, "New Left Movement - Finances and Cointelpro - New Left," the Memphis Division pointed out information regarding financial activities on the now defunct Southern Students Organizing Committee (SSOC) relative to a situation that could possibly be exploited concerning other moving groups relative to their federal tax status.

Any additional specific recommendations would be promptly submitted to the Bureau by separate communication.

III. TANGIBLE RESULTS

Not applicable.

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AT MEMPHIS, TENN.

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Will closely follow captioned matter and submit
90-day progress scheduled to reach the Bureau by April 1,
1970.

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-449698)

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (100-4704) (P*)

SUBJECT: COINTELPRO - NEW LEFT
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DATE: 9/24/69

Re Memphis letter to Bureau, 6/30/69.

90-DAY PROGRESS LETTER

I. POTENTIAL COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTION

The Memphis Office is alert to any violation of State or Federal law on the part of any individual members of any new left type organization within the Memphis Division, including members of the SDS or former members of the now defunct SSOC.

Memphis will remain alert for any possible situations that can be exploited to the detriment of any of the movement groups.

II. PENDING COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTION

There is no pending counterintelligence action within the Memphis Division. Any specific recommendations in this regard will be promptly submitted to the Bureau by separate letter.

III. TANGIBLE RESULTS

Not applicable.

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IV. MISCELLANEOUS

By letter dated 9/19/69 Memphis furnished information marked to the attention of the Counterintelligence Section in case captioned, [REDACTED] SOURCE OF INFORMATION," who is a [REDACTED] who formulated a program which he called [REDACTED] with which he intends to counter SDS propaganda. The techniques utilized [REDACTED] may have some counterintelligence potential and this was furnished the Bureau for its information.

LEADS:

MEMPHIS DIVISION

Will closely follow captioned matter and forward progress letter to reach the Bureau by 1/1/70.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-449698)

FROM : *R* SAC, MEMPHIS (100-4704) (P*)

SUBJECT: COINTELPRO - NEW LEFT
IS

DATE: 6/30/69

90-DAY PROGRESS LETTER

Re Memphis airtel to Bureau 3/5/69, Bureau letter to Memphis 4/24/69, and Memphis letter to Bureau 4/4/69.

I. POTENTIAL COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTION

The Memphis Office is alert to any violations of local, state or federal law on the part of individual members and staff workers of the Nashville-based Southern Student Organizing Committee (SSOC), which is the subject of an active security investigation of the Memphis Division, and any information developed in this regard will be immediately furnished to the interested investigative agencies. Likewise, Memphis is remaining alert for similar information relative to any other movement groups active within the Division.

Memphis will remain alert for any possible situation that can be exploited to the detriment of SSOC or any other movement groups.

II. PENDING COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTION

There is no pending counterintelligence action within the Memphis Division. Previously by referenced Memphis airtel to Bureau March 5, 1969, Memphis made recommendations relative to counterintelligence action and the Bureau by letter dated April 24, 1969, denied implimentation of suggested action.

Any additional specific recommendations will be promptly submitted to the Bureau by separate letter.

III. TANGIBLE RESULTS

Not applicable.

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Will closely follow captioned matter and submit a progress letter to reach the Bureau by October 1, 1969.

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Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-449698)

DATE: April 23, 1969

FROM : SAC, Memphis (100-4704) (P)

SUBJECT: COINTELPRO - NEW LEFT
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Re Memphis airtel to Bureau 3/5/69 (copies to Chicago and New Orleans).

For the information of all receiving offices other than Chicago and New Orleans, Memphis by re airtel made recommendations relative to attempting to exploit a then apparent developing rift between SSOC and SDS.

As all offices are aware, the rift did develop at the SDS National Council Meeting held March 27-31, 1969, Austin, Texas. The Volume 4, No. 13 issue of the "New Left Note" dated April 4, 1969 contained a detailed account of the resolution presented by the Southern Caucus of SDS calling for SDS to break the ties with SSOC and to begin building SDS in the South. The resolution was passed by the National Council of SDS.

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2 - Birmingham (RM)
2 - Charlotte (RM)
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2 - Little Rock (RM)
2 - Louisville (RM)
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2 - Mobile (RM)
3 - New Orleans (1-100-SDS) (RM)
(1-100-17444-SSOC) (RM)
(1-100-Cointelpro) (RM)

2 - Norfolk (RM)
2 - Richmond (RM)
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In view of the above, all recipient offices are requested to remain alert for any possible situation concerning SSOC - SDS activities within their respective divisions that could be possibly exploited under the cointelpro program - NL, and handle in accordance with current Bureau instructions regarding captioned program.

The Memphis, Chicago, and New Orleans offices should remain particularly alert in this regard inasmuch as Memphis is the office of origin relative to SSOC, Chicago is office of origin of SDS, and some of the individuals from the New Orleans area were involved in the presenting of the anti-SSOC proposal to the National Council of the SDS.

SAC, Memphis (100-4704)

4/24/69

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Director, FBI (100-449698) - 28-7

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Reurairtel 3/5/69.

In view of the fact that the SDS, at its National Council meeting held in Austin, Texas, in March, 1969, severed fraternal relationships with the SSOC, your requests regarding the mailing of the MDS Newsletter article to SSOC members and the resolution to the SDS are denied. Your suggestions, however, are appreciated and you should continue to consider methods of neutralizing SSOC.

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Date: 3/5/69

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-449698)
(100-442367)
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (100-4704) (P)
SUBJECT: COINTELPRO - NEW LEFT
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is a copy of Vol. 3,
#1-2, January-February, 1969, edition of the MDS Newsletter.

For the information of the Bureau and recipient offices,
the above mentioned enclosure, the MDS Newsletter, self described
as being published monthly by the New Orleans Movement for
Democratic Society (an at-large chapter of Students for a
Democratic Society), was received at Nashville, Tennessee,
[REDACTED] The communication contains an
article of very great interest relative to the Nashville based
Southern Student Organizing Committee (SSOC), subject of current
security investigation (Bufile 100-442367, Memphis origin), and the
nature of the article is such that it may well be useful in the
Cointelpro as it may present the opportunity for creating a hostile
situation between SSOC and Students for a Democratic Society (SDS)
on a national basis. It is noted that for one reason or another,

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(1 - 100-4046-SSOC)
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various individuals in the New Orleans Movement Group are hostile towards SSOC and SSOC and SDS mutually claim to be fraternal organizations.

The mentioned article appears on pages 2 -- 6 and is continued on page 12, being captioned "BLUE RIDGE STRIKE THE UNTOLD STORY" and in part outlines the formation and demise of the Southern Labor Action Movement (SLAM) and the role that SSOC played in disrupting the SLAM project.

It is recalled that previously the Memphis Division has furnished the Bureau information relative to SLAM, a portion of which was included in report submitted by Memphis 1/5/68 by [REDACTED], under the SSOC caption, on pages 26 through 28, and in a more detailed fashion in a separate communication under the SLAM caption.

In view of the above, Memphis is requesting the Bureau to consider the implementation authorization of the following proposals:

1) That reprints of the entire article be made, perhaps being photographically reproduced, and thereafter reprinted by the offset process on new stock to be utilized in the following fashion:

A. to mail anonymously to selected SSOC members, supporters, and sympathizers within the various divisions where SSOC presently is active. This would, of course, necessitate the various field divisions submitting names and current addresses of the particular individuals to receive the mailing and it is suggested that the mailing emanate from either New Orleans or Chicago for the maximum effect.

B. Consideration should also be given to submitting reprints of the article to members of the Board of Directors, if appropriate, and other key individuals in the various organizations and foundations which have been contributing funds to SSOC.

The individuals to be contacted in this fashion would be in the portion of previously submitted SSOC reports relative to financial activity and it would be necessary for Memphis to conduct a review of the financial contributors and communicate with the necessary field offices to determine the proper persons to receive the mailing.

C. consideration should be given to the distribution of a large quantity of the reprints on a surreptitious basis at a National SDS function, if possible, the March 27-30, 1969, National Council meeting to be held at the University of Texas, Austin, Texas.

D. consideration to the submission of a resolution to SDS Headquarters, Chicago, for presentation at the National Council meeting March 27-30, 1969, calling for severance of SDS-SSOC fraternal ties.

In this regard it is noted that such resolutions are to be furnished to the SDS National Office, 1808 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60612, before March 17, 1969, for inclusion in the pre-National Council meeting issue of the "New Left Notes".

Memphis feels that New Orleans could be the most logical place from which the resolution should emanate and could be in the best position of evaluating whether or not the resolution should be submitted anonymously, or in the name of [REDACTED], the author of the enclosed article, or perhaps submitted collectively in the names of several persons known to be at odds with SSOC in the New Orleans area. If such a resolution is submitted, it is felt timing would be important inasmuch as if the resolution arrived at SDS Headquarters not before March 17, 1969, this would lessen the opportunity for SDS Headquarters to make any inquiries as to the authenticity of the resolution and increase the likelihood of having the resolution published in the "New Left Note" and distributed nationally.

E. consideration should thereafter be given to having a follow-up type campaign where article reprints could be distributed to other movement groups elsewhere in the United States such as the Southern Conference Education Fund (SCEF), SNCC, and pertinent West Coast movement groups; and also embark on a campaign on a local level where SSOC and SDS are active within the same area or where SSOC and SDS have joint chapters such as Memphis, in the first situation, and the Gainesville, Florida SSOC-SDS Chapter, to further create a chism between SSOC and SDS.

It is felt the above mentioned proposals would present an excellent opportunity to confuse and disrupt the over-all new left type movement in the United States. Memphis is awaiting Bureau instructions relative to what action would be appropriate.

A point raised in the enclosed article has aroused the curiosity of Memphis, this being the reference to SSOC receiving funds from the Norman Fund which the article described as "The CIA conduit for the National Student Association, the Southern Regional Council, etc."

It is recalled that Memphis has previously reported SSOC Membership Mailing #5 dated 2/14/67, on page 5, carried an article indicating SSOC had received a grant of \$2,500 from the Aaron E. Norman Fund, Inc., for the implementation of the SSOC 1966-67 program. In addition, information from sources such as [REDACTED] as well as other sources, that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SSOC Staff member, SI subject of the Memphis Office, has most recently made comments in this regard (within the last 2 weeks) to the effect he has been approached on 2 different occasions by "CIA" to act in an informant capacity relative to SSOC. Memphis would be extremely interested in any information the Bureau could develop through liaison relative to CIA and SSOC as to any financial contributions the Agency may have made to the group or any attempts on the part of CIA to direct or control the operation. No information has been developed relative to [REDACTED] traveling outside the United States since being employed by SSOC; however, it is recalled that [REDACTED] former SSOC Chairman, was active in the affairs of the National Student Association and also traveled to Prague, Czechoslovakia during the summer of 1967, as previously reported. It is noted that [REDACTED] is currently SI subject of the Memphis Division, and the possibility exists that perhaps [REDACTED] might have a CIA source.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

1) Advise Memphis and interested offices relative to the above recommendations in the COINTELPRO.

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2) Through liaison, contact CIA under the SSOC caption relative to possible CIA-SSOC connections, as set out above.

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/4/69

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (100-4704) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF THE NEW LEFT

90-DAY PROGRESS LETTER

I. POTENTIAL COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTION

The Memphis Office is alert to any violations of local, State, or Federal law on the part of individual members and staff workers of the Nashville-based Southern Student Organizing Committee, and any information developed in this regard will be immediately furnished to the interested investigative agency.

Memphis will remain alert for any possible situation that could be exploited to the detriment of SSOC.

II. PENDING COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTION

Memphis Division by airtel dated 3/5/69 set forth recommendations relative to possible counterintelligence action relative to SSOC group. Memphis is currently awaiting Bureau instructions in this regard.

Any additional specific recommendations relative to counterintelligence action regarding the New Left will be promptly submitted individually to the Bureau by separate letter.

III. TANGIBLE RESULTS

Not applicable.

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MEMPHIS Will closely follow captioned matter and submit progress letter in accordance with existing Bureau instructions.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-449698)

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (100-4704) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF THE NEW LEFT

DATE: 10/11/68

90-DAY PROGRESS LETTER

Re Memphis letter to Bureau, 6/28/68; Bureau letter to Albany, 5/10/68.

I. POTENTIAL COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTION

The Memphis Office is alert to any violations of local, state, or Federal law on the part of the individual members and staff workers of the Nashville-based Southern Student Organizing Committee (SSOC), and any information developed in this regard will be immediately furnished to the interested investigative agency.

Memphis will remain alert to any possible situation that can be exploited to the detriment of SSOC.

II. PENDING COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTION

There is no pending counterintelligence action as no submissions have been made to the Bureau for Bureau authority in this regard. Any specific recommendations will be promptly submitted individually to the Bureau by separate letter.

III. TANGIBLE RESULTS

Not applicable.

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MEMPHIS DIVISION

Will closely follow captioned matter and submit progress letter to reach the Bureau by 1/1/69.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6/28/68

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (100-4704) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF THE NEW LEFT

Re Bureau letter to Albany dated 5/28/68.

Referenced Bureau letter requested information relative to activities of New Left groups for each college campus and/or university within the Memphis Division or where there have been campus disturbances within the past year.

As the Bureau is aware from information previously submitted by Memphis under above caption, there is no New Left activity as such on any particular college campus within the Memphis Division. However, as the Bureau is aware, Nashville is the headquarters for the Southern Student Organizing Committee (SSOC), which does not have any active chapter as such within the Nashville area; however, it does have limited contact with various members of the academic community in the Nashville area, which includes some 13 separate institutions of higher education, including two predominantly Negro universities, Tennessee A and I State University and Fisk University.

Vanderbilt University is the principal institution of higher education in the Nashville area. There have been no situations in the Memphis Division, including the immediate Nashville area, in the last year in which violence or disorder has erupted on any predominantly white college campus.

As the Bureau is aware, in April 1967 and again in April 1968, racial disorders within the areas of Tennessee A and I and Fisk Universities, Nashville, involved students of these two institutions; however, these two incidents were racial in nature and not due to the influence of a New Left type group.

Accordingly, the Memphis Division is not submitting a letterhead memorandum for any particular educational

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institution within the Memphis Division.

Memphis has sufficient coverage relative to the activities of SSOC and has limited coverage in accordance with existing Bureau instructions relative to security type investigations on college campuses in the Nashville academic community as well as the other various educational institutions within the Memphis Division, which would likely allow the Memphis Division to be in receipt of advance information for any planned disruptive activity; however, the likelihood of any such activity being carried out with any degree of success is rather restricted due to the largely conservative nature of the white southern institutions within the division as typified by Vanderbilt University. There is always the possibility of very limited student or faculty response at any institution within the division for any disruptive type activities; however, the vast majority of the students and the school administrations themselves would be highly unreceptive to any such tactics.

Memphis is continually on the alert for any opportunities to improve existing coverage on any of the college campuses within the division, as well as coverage of the SSOC.

In regard to the potential for violence on the two major predominantly Negro college campuses within the Memphis Division, Fisk University and Tennessee A and I State University, both at Nashville, as seen from past experience, the potential for violence is quite good and could at any time erupt under the proper stimulation. It is felt that violence could erupt on these two campuses from unpredictable, spontaneous situations at almost any time, as borne out by past actions.

The problems regarding coverage of these two institutions do not involve New Left type activities, as such, but rather involve racial activities or Black Nationalist type activities, both of which present a separate and different problem.

Should any organized effort be made to disrupt Fisk or Tennessee A and I Universities, it is felt that Memphis possesses sufficient coverage to receive advance notice of any such pre-planned activities; however, Memphis is alert for any and all opportunities to improve coverage upon these two particular campuses.

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It is recalled, as previously pointed out, that Memphis was in receipt of advance information from [REDACTED] which headed off an attempt by black militants on the Fisk campus to seize the Administration Building on that campus on 2/27/68.

Should Memphis receive any information indicating that the situation has changed on any particular college campus within the Memphis Division, Memphis will immediately submit appropriate communication to the Bureau in accordance with Bureau instructions as contained in Bureau letter dated 5/28/68.

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6/28/68

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (100-4704) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF THE NEW LEFT

90-DAY PROGRESS LETTER

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III. TANGIBLE RESULTS

Not applicable.

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MEMPHIS

Will closely follow captioned matter and submit progress letter to reach the Bureau by 10/1/68.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6/28/68

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (100-4704) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF THE NEW LEFT

Re Bureau letter to Albany dated 5/10/68.

As the Bureau is aware, the Memphis Division is office of origin of case styled "Southern Student Organizing Committee (SSOC); IS - SSOC," Bufile 100-442367, Memphis file 100-4046. SSOC is a Nashville-based New Left type group which maintains fraternal ties with the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS). SSOC presently claims to have 11 chapters located throughout the southern United States; however, there are no chapters as such presently active within the Memphis Division.

SSOC's national headquarters is maintained at 1703 Portland, Nashville, Tennessee, from which location the group's activities are directed. All persons named as officers or leaders of SSOC who reside within the Memphis Division (Nashville) are listed in the Memphis Security Index. The group's activities on a national basis and the activities of the individual Nashville-based staff members are the subject of active security investigation which gives close scrutiny to both the organizational activities and the activities of the individual members.

No information has been developed indicating that SSOC has sufficient support, force, or effectiveness to disrupt the activities of the various institutions of higher education in the Memphis Division in general or those 13 institutions within the Nashville area proper. However, it is noted that the group is on record as advocating university reform and other such issues currently be espoused by other similar New Left type organizations.

In regard to counterintelligence activities directed against this group and its staff, it is felt that this group is vulnerable through the rigid enforcement

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of local, State, and Federal laws in that the individual staff members may from time to time violate various laws such as parking, traffic, narcotics, and with increasing frequency the Selective Service laws. Memphis is continually alert to any indications that these individuals are engaged in any unlawful activities and will promptly submit any such indication to the responsible law enforcement agency.

Memphis does not at this time have any specific recommendations regarding any immediate specific counter-intelligence action directed against SSOC; however, Memphis is alert to any and all possible situations which may be exploited and utilized to the detriment of SSOC. All Special Agent personnel responsible for investigation of the New Left and key activists have been alerted to the counterintelligence plans of the Bureau relating to these groups and attention has been centered on implementing this vital program. All care is being made to protect the Bureau's interest in this regard, and no counterintelligence action will be initiated by Memphis without specific Bureau authority.

Memphis will submit 90-day status letter relative to this program in accordance with existing Bureau instructions.

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6/28/68

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (100-4704) P

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF THE NEW LEFT

Re Bureau letter to Albany dated 5/23/68.

Set forth below is a summary of information in the Memphis Division regarding specific information requested from the Bureau by referenced letter concerning false allegations of police brutality, immorality, and action by college administrators.

As the Bureau is aware, Memphis is origin in case styled "Southern Student Organizing Committee (SSOC); IS - SSOC," Memphis file 100-4046, Bufile 100-442367, which is the only New Left type group per se presently known to be active within the Memphis Division. There have been no direct or indirect confrontations between SSOC activists and college administrations within the Memphis Division and no efforts by SSOC to seize a college campus within the Memphis Division.

As the Bureau is aware, during the period 4/8-11/67 the immediate vicinity of the two predominantly Negro college campuses located in Nashville, Tennessee A and I State University and Fisk University, was the scene of a civil disturbance involving many students from both campuses.

After 4/4/68, subsequent to the shooting of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, disturbances again broke out in Nashville and also included activity in the areas of the A and I and Fisk campuses and limited involvement on the part of college students.

The first above-mentioned situation was in part precipitated by SNCC activists, while the second was part of a general disorder which occurred in many locales subsequent to the death of Dr. KING.

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SNCC activity in Nashville has lessened from a high point in April 1967 to such an extent that it is presently almost non-existent.

There have been no recent confrontations or problems generated by the Nashville SNCC chapter with the A and I - Fisk administrations.

However, as the Bureau is aware, on 2/27/68 there was an abortive attempt to seize the Fisk University Administration Building by a group of black militants, as led by Fisk University Professors [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The Memphis Division, through coverage provided by [REDACTED] received advance information relative to this attempt and was able to notify the Fisk University administration and local police. The school administration, by receipt of this advance information, was able to forestall the attempted seizure by gathering sufficient student support to counter this abortive attempt and thereby negate the need of utilizing police support because the administration's firm stand headed off the attempt before it was made.

During the civil disturbances in Nashville in April 1968, a small group of black students, led by Professor [REDACTED], briefly seized the Fisk Administration Building; however, the school administration directed members of the Fisk athletic teams against them, who regained control of the building without having to resort to violence or calling in outside help.

It is noted that none of the above activity in the areas of the black Nashville campuses directly involved any New Left type group.

Memphis will remain alert for any indication that any New Left type group, including SSOC, intends to seize or disrupt any institution of higher education within the Memphis Division and promptly take appropriate action should such information be developed.

Memphis will follow and report any requested data on a continuing basis in accordance with instructions contained in referenced Bureau letter of 5/23/68.